

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 853

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ned Lyle, retired Army First Sergeant.

WHEREAS, from time to time this General Assembly takes pride in remembering and reminding our great state of those citizens that cared more for the purpose of liberty and freedom than they did even their own lives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lyle was a native of Erwin, Tennessee, the son of the late Robert and Rebecca Lyle; and

WHEREAS, he is proudly remembered for his most distinguished career in the United States Army, having proudly served his country in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, he displayed the highest courage and loyalty through the ravages of three wars, enduring hardships as a prisoner of war in Germany, displaying gallantry in action in the Korean conflict, and leaving military retirement in order to serve as a special volunteer in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lyle earned the Distinguished Service Cross for having bravely led his company in a successful withdrawal and counter-attack in Korea; he received many other

awards, including the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and the Combat Infantry Badge, and was at one point the most decorated soldier assigned in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, this valiant soldier was given the great and most deserved honor of selecting the unknown soldier of the Korean conflict; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the Army, Mr. Lyle became a valued employee of Blue Cross/Companion, serving as a supervisor for nearly sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lyle was widely known as a family man, devoted to his wife, Milder Virginia Wilson Lyle, his four children, Kirkpatrick, Jack, Ned, and Virginia, and his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he was a devout man who held a deep and abiding faith in God, and who was a devoted member of the Holy Hill Pentecostal Holiness Church; and

WHEREAS, the admirable life that was led by this great soldier, Ned Lyle, is clearly deserving of the commendations of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we pause in our deliberations to honor the memory of Ned Lyle, reflecting on his life of valor; and we thank him again, as we move into the 21st Century, for his bravery and dedication to us all. This great state will never forget what Ned Lyle has done for us.